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Exhibit 12

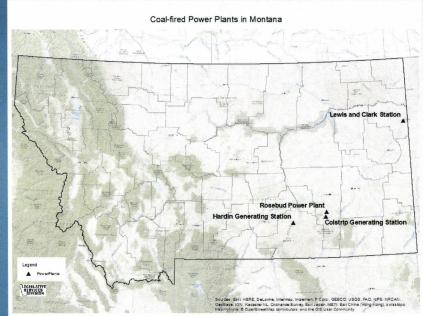


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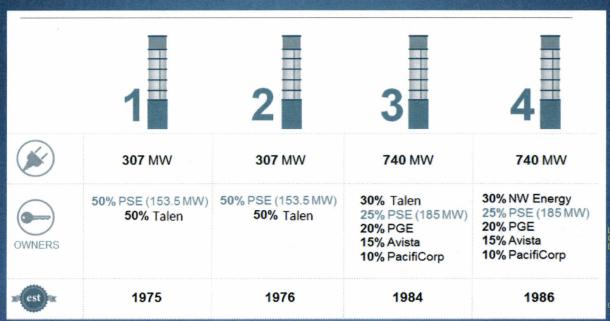
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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5: COAL IN MONTANA
OVERVIEW OF EQC STUDY AND FINDINGS





MONTANA COAL MINES AND COAL-FIRED POWER PLANTS



COLSTRIP OWNERSHIP

Source	Effect
Coal Severance Tax	211001
General Fund	\$1,045,480
Coal Trust Principle	\$1,981,620
Long-range Building Program	\$475,589
Coal Natural Resource fund	\$114,934
Shared Account (Ag, Conservation, Library)	\$216,393
State Parks Trust Principle	\$50,333
Renewable Resource Debt Service	\$37,658
Cultural Trust Principle	\$24,968
Coal Severance Tax Total	\$3,946,975
Individual Income Tax	
General Fund	\$752,000
Electrical Energy Tax	
General Fund	\$763,087
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Wholesale Energy Tax	
General Fund	\$572,315
U.S, Mineral Royalties	
General Fund	\$842,638
SSR Mineral Impact fund	\$280,879
U.S, Mineral Royalties Total	\$1,123,517
Coal Gross Proceeds	
General Fund	\$1,132,830
Local Government	\$1,006,990
6-mill	\$151,044
Coal Gross Proceeds Total	\$2,290,864
Coal Gloss Floceeds Total	\$2,230,004
Resource Indemnity Tax	
State Special Revenue	\$120,000
Property Tax	
General Fund	\$2,115,064
Local Governments & School Districts	\$5,396,736
Property Tax Total	\$7,511,800
Concept Fund Total	¢7 222 44 4
General Fund Total	\$7,223,414
Statewide Total	\$17,080,558



Estimated Tax Impacts

Colstrip 1 and 2 Closure

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL DIVISION
JUNE 2016 ESTIMATES

Taxes Paid by Coal Mines and Coal-Fired Power Plants in Montana					
Tax	Coal Total (FY 2016)	Distribution	% of Total Attributed to Coal		
Coal Severance Tax	\$60,359,000	(See Attached)	100% (See Attached)		
Federal Mineral Royalties	\$20,889,000	75% general fund 25% local governments	74%		
Coal Gross Proceeds Tax	\$20,757,000	Proportionally to appropriate tax jurisdiction	100%		
Resource Indemnity Trust and Ground Water Assessment Tax	\$1,796,000	Net earnings and receipts appropriated by the legislature, provided that the fund balance is not less than \$100 million. (See attached)	77%		
Electrical Energy Producer's License Tax	\$2,620,000	General fund	61%		
Wholesale Energy Generation Tax	\$1,780,000	General fund	52%		
Property Tax	\$316,000,000* \$5,000,000 (mines)	Proportionally to appropriate tax jurisdiction	20%		
Total	\$424.2 million Less Coal-Fired Generation Property Tax: \$113.2 million				

Legislative Services Division

COLSTRIP TRANSMISSION OWNERSHIP

Source: NWI



Broadwater County

Top 10 Property Owners by Taxable Value					
TY 2015		TY 2016			
1 NORTHWESTERN ENERGY - TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION	6 AMSTA CORPORATION - ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION	1 NORTHWESTERN ENERGY- TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION	6 YELLOWSTONE PIPELINE CO		
2 GRAYMONT WESTERN US INC	7 YELLOWSTONE PIPELINE CO	2 GRAYMONT WESTERN US INC	7 AVISTA CORPORATION - ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION		
3 MONTANA RAIL LINK	8 PACIFICORP - ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION	3 PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY - TRANSMISSION	8 PACIFICORP - ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION		
4 PUGET SOUND ENERGY INC - TRANSMISSION PROPERTY	9 VERIZON WIRELESS	4 MONTANA RAIL LINK	9 VIGILANTE ELEC COOP INC		
5 PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY - TRANSMISSION	10 VIGILANTE ELEC COOP INC	5 PUGET SOUND ENERGY INC - TRANSMISSION PROPERTY	10 VERIZON WIRELESS		

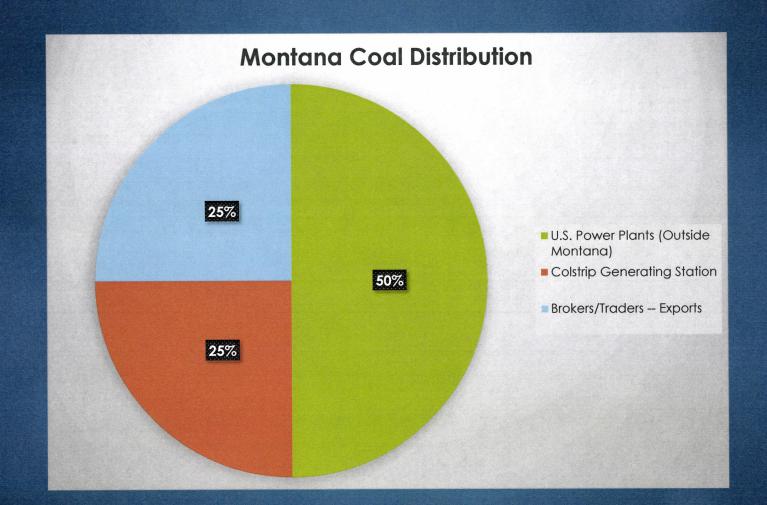
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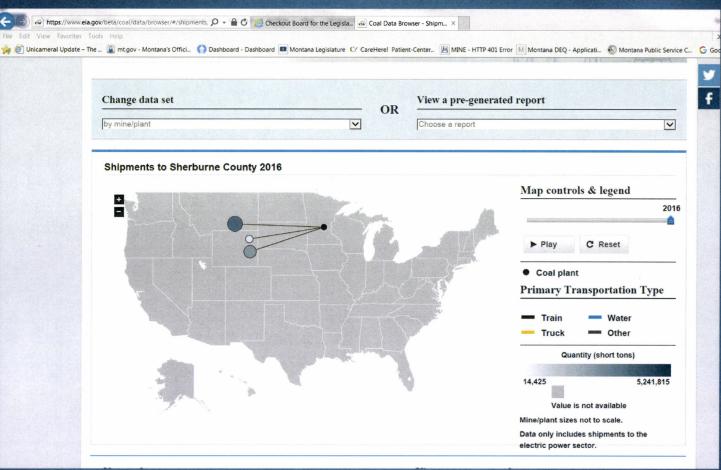
Meagher County

	Top 10 Property Owners by Taxable Value				
TY 2015		TY 2016			
	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY- TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION	6 AVISTA CORPORATION - ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION	1 NORTHWESTERN ENERGY - TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION	6 PACIFICORP - ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION	
:	CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNICATIONS	7 GORDON BUTTE WIND LLC	2 PUGET SOUND ENERGY INC - TRANSMISSION PROPERTY	7 GORDON BUTTE WIND LLC	
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	PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY - TRANSMISSION	9 SMITH RIVER RANCH LP	4 PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY - TRANSMISSION	9 SMITH RIVER RANCH LP	
	PACIFICORP - ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION	10 CATLIN RANCH LP	5 AVISTA CORPORATION - ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION	10 CATLIN RANCH LP	

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PROPERTY OWNERS BY TAXABLE VALUE
BROADWATER AND MEAGHER COUNTY EXAMPLES





SHERBURNE COUNTY - ABSALOKA MINE